

Paratrophis microphylla

COMMON NAMES

small-leaved milk tree, tūrepo

BIOSTATUS

Native – Endemic taxon

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

SIMPLIFIED DESCRIPTION

A thin-twigged bushy plant bearing small 5-10mm long leaves that have large gaps in the edge growing into a tree with small oval slightly toothed leaves. Adult leaves 8-25mm long, sometimes “fiddle-shaped”, vein network easily visible underneath. Flowers small in short spike. Fruit red, 4-5mm wide.

FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink, White

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | Not Threatened

DETAILED TAXONOMY

FAMILY

Moraceae

AUTHORITY

Paratrophis microphylla (Raoul) Cockayne

SYNONYMS

Epicarpus microphyllus Raoul, *Epicarpurus microphyllus* Raoul, *Taxotrophis microphylla* (Raoul) F. Muell.; *Trophis ?opaca* Banks et Sol. ex Hook; *Paratrophis heterophylla* Blume, *Streblus heterophyllus* (Blume) Corner

TAXONOMIC NOTES

Long known to New Zealanders as *Paratrophis* most of the New Zealand species were transferred to *Streblus* by Corner (1962), with the full transfer completed by Webb (in Connor & Edgar 1987). However, a recent comprehensive study by Gardner et al. (2021) reinstated *Paratrophis* as distinct from a recircumscribed *Streblus*. This decision, followed worldwide is accepted here as well.

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

OTHER INFORMATION

ETYMOLOGY

microphylla: Small leaf



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NVS CODE

STRHET

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 28

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2017 | Not Threatened

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

REFERENCING AND CITATIONS

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